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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows [a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached as Appendix A]:

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 2, wherein each identifier is an identifier of a group having a particular characteristic.
6. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.
7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message includes a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.
8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message includes a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.